

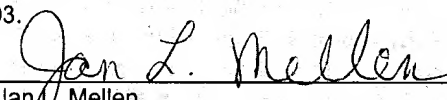


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Applicant:	Stephen Lewallen	
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Please consider the following remarks and arguments.

Claims 1-30 have been submitted for examination. Claims 1-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,263,379 (Atkinson) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,460,058 (Koppolu.) The examiner comments that the Atkinson reference discloses the claimed subject matter except that Atkinson does not explicitly teach that the moniker object is substituted for the distributed object as claimed. However, the examiner asserts that the Koppolu reference discloses a stream object that substitutes the moniker object for the distributed object. The examiner concludes that it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Atkinson and Koppolu because the combination provides seamless navigation between multiple document types as disclosed in Koppolu.

The present invention concerns a framework that includes a moniker class, which universally identifies an instance of any object model, whether the instance exists, or